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To players, officials and spectators alike I express the hope that to-day's game will live long in their memories as an outstanding one—for good, clean, hard Soccer and for the spirit in which it will be played.

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A. De Lange 4. (Durban) — N. Butler 5. (Durban) — L. Pitout 6. (Durban)

C. Gardener 7. (P.M.Burg) — M. Speed 8. (Durban) — R. Boulle 9. (Durban) — W. Anderson 10. (Sth. Coast) — G. Barrett 11. (Durban)

J. Salmon 11. (Glenwood) — R. Hill 10. (Berea Pk.) — E. Robertson 9. (Addington) — P. Pelser 8. (Stella) — F. Crawford 7. (Berea Pk.)

P. Williams 6. (Queens Pk.) — P. Kotze 5. (Berea Pk.) — J. Wilkinson 4. (Railway)

B. Butcher 3. (Stella) — W. Lombard 2. (Berea Pk.)

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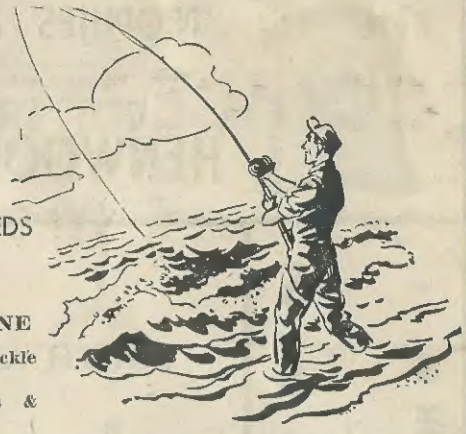

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R. BOTHA (E. Tvl.) 7.	H. PATON (E. Tvl.) 8.	J. CLASSENS (N. Tvl.) 9.	A. BUTLER (S. Tvl.) 10.	J. CARR (Natal) 11.

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A. Bowman
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L. Williams
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D. Rubino
8. (P.M.Burg)

L. Salton
9. (Berea Pk.)

B. Townsend
10. (Addington)

D. Ferguson
11. (Railway)

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L. Abbott
11. (Ben. Cal.)

G. Forrester
10. (Bkpn. Utd.)

R. Zackey
9. (Ben. H.S.)

D. Small
8. (Bkbg. Nth.)

F. Symmonds
7. (Bkbg.)

S. Steinfeld
6. (Benoni H.S.)

H. Tocknell
5. (Bkbg. Nth.)

D. Dennis
4. (Bkpn. Utd.)

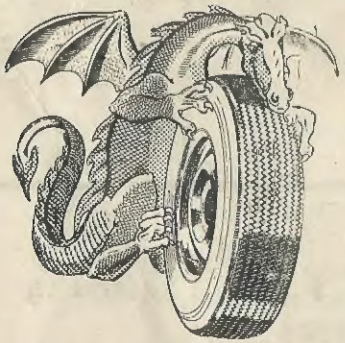
F. Scallan
3. (Benoni H.S.)

B. Mynhaardt
2. (Benoni Callies)

E. Paxton
1. (Benoni)

EASTERN TRANSVAAL **Colours: Yellow and black striped jerseys, white shorts.**

Referee: Mr. M. CLARK. **Linesmen: Messrs. H. HIPPERSON and C. B. KING.**



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South Africa

By the 1947 Springbok Captain,
HORACE SMETHURST

The Springbok side chosen for the First Test to play the Australians is a sound one. Only two players, Harry Naish and Johnny Classens were members of the 1947 team to Australia. All the players are seasoned performers, with plenty of provincial experience behind them, therefore not likely to suffer from "Big Match Blues."

Ken Nadauld, in goal, played himself into the side on his performance in the Natal game. His positional play and daring is a feature in his game. He also kicks a lengthy ball to advantage when under pressure. The full backs, Benny Mechanick and Gordon Frew, are club mates, playing for Marist Bros., so therefore should have an understanding second to none. Mechanick, at right back, is a tall player and very good in the air. His clearances upfield are long and clean. His partner Frew is an up-and-coming player. He came to Transvaal League football only three seasons ago as a member of the Wanderers Club, and the following year joined his present club and has been a regular player for S. Transvaal. He is a deadly tackler, with good positional play and ball control. The right half berth is filled by Hymie Klonner, also of Marist Bros. A hard-working half, being particularly strong in attack. He has turned down numerous offers from overseas professional clubs. He gives his forwards fluent service throughout the game. Harry Naish, captain and centre half, is the most constructive stopper in the country. Under pressure he remains cool and his headwork is flawless. Naish, I am certain, will prove a popular leader. The left half, Cliff Jacques, of the Rangers Club, is neat in everything he does. He is an excellent feeder and not afraid to have a crack at goal from outside the box. He has mastered the long pass to his right wing to perfection. Ray Botha and Harold Paton, the right wing pair, have a perfect understanding, having played together on numerous occasions for E. Transvaal. Botha gained valuable experience during his two seasons as a professional with Aberdeen. Paton switched from centre forward to inside right three seasons ago, and to-day is a first-class forager, carrying a good shot in both feet. At centre forward, Johnny Classens, a Sergeant in the U.D.F., is a match winner. Classens has everything: speed, shooting ability, control and build. He, too, has been approached by professional clubs. The inside left, Tony Holtz, is a member of the Berea Park Club, Pretoria. He has been a prolific goalscorer for N. Transvaal for several seasons. Jackie Carr, on the left wing, plays for the Natal League leaders, Railway. He will be well supplied with passes from partner Holtz, and with his speed and hard shooting he can also win the match.

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